

## HOUSE BILL NO. HB0064

Enhanced Medicaid reimbursement rate-maternal services.

Sponsored by: Representative(s) Clouston, Campbell, E and  
Connolly and Senator(s) Boner, Brennan,  
Landen, Nethercott and Schuler

A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to medical assistance and services;  
2 authorizing the department of health to apply for enhanced  
3 Medicaid reimbursement for eligible providers of maternal  
4 services; providing definitions; providing purposes for  
5 enhanced reimbursement rates; requiring reports; providing  
6 appropriations; requiring rulemaking; and providing for  
7 effective dates.

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9 *Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Wyoming:*

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11 **Section 1.**

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13 (a) The department of health shall apply to the  
14 centers for Medicare and Medicaid services of the United  
15 States department of health and human services for

1 authorization to reimburse eligible providers at an  
2 enhanced rate for maternal services provided to eligible  
3 Medicaid clients in rural and frontier areas. As used in  
4 this section:

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6 (i) "Eligible provider" means a health care  
7 provider who is actively enrolled in Medicaid, has relevant  
8 privileges at a labor and delivery facility and is licensed  
9 as one (1) or more of the following:

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11 (A) An obstetrician gynecologist;

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13 (B) A family physician who provides  
14 obstetrical services;

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16 (C) A midwife;

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18 (D) A general surgeon who provides cesarean  
19 section backup;

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21 (E) Any other health care provider as  
22 determined by rule of the department of health.

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1           (ii) "Rural and frontier areas" shall be  
2 determined by the department of health.

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4           (b) The purposes of the enhanced reimbursement rate  
5 authorized by this section are to:

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7           (i) Increase access to prenatal, intrapartum and  
8 postpartum care;

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10           (ii) Reduce maternal and neonatal morbidity and  
11 mortality;

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13           (iii) Preserve obstetric provider capacity in  
14 rural Wyoming.

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16           (c) The department of health shall report to the  
17 joint appropriations committee and the joint labor, health  
18 and social services interim committee on or before October  
19 31, 2027 regarding the additional costs incurred by the  
20 increased reimbursements required by this act. The report  
21 required by this section shall include any recommendations  
22 for modifications to the increased reimbursement for

1 eligible providers under the Wyoming Medical Assistance and  
2 Services Act.

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4       **Section 2.** There is appropriated one million dollars  
5 (\$1,000,000.00) from the general fund and one million  
6 dollars (\$1,000,000.00) from federal funds to the  
7 department of health for the purpose of enhancing Medicaid  
8 reimbursement for eligible providers as provided by section  
9 1 of this act. These appropriations shall be for the period  
10 beginning July 1, 2026 and ending June 30, 2028. These  
11 appropriations shall not be transferred or expended for any  
12 other purpose and any unexpended, unobligated funds  
13 remaining from these appropriations shall revert as  
14 provided by law on June 30, 2028. It is the intent of the  
15 legislature that these appropriations be included in the  
16 standard budget for the department of health for the  
17 immediately succeeding fiscal biennium.

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19       **Section 3.** The department of health shall promulgate  
20 all rules necessary to implement this act.

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1           Section 4.

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(a) Except as provided by subsection (b) of this section, this act is effective when the state plan amendment authorized by this act is approved by the centers for Medicare and Medicaid services.

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8           (b) Section 1(a) and section 4 of this act are  
9 effective immediately upon completion of all acts necessary  
10 for a bill to become law as provided by Article 4, Section  
11 8 of the Wyoming Constitution.

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13 (END)